GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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DFID ASSISTANCE TO KERALA
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received a proposal from the Government of Kerala regarding declaring the DFID assistance tothe State as grant;

(b) if so, the latest position of the said proposal;

(c) whether the same has been concurred with; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BAN DATTATREYA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)to(d): Under DFID-UK assisted slum improvement projects, Ministry of Finance receives funds from DFID and releases the same to the concerned State Governments. This Ministry had taken up the matter for release of DFID`s funds as 100% grant to theState Governments with the Ministry of Finance who informed that provision of grant being passed on as `grant` is applicable onlyto new poverty alleviation projects approved after March, 1999 and not to the on-going projects. Since, Cochin Urban PovertyReduction Project was approved on 1.5.1997, Ministry of Financehave stated that this being an on-going project, therefore, it will continue to receive DFID`s funds on 70% - Loan and 30% - Grant basis only.